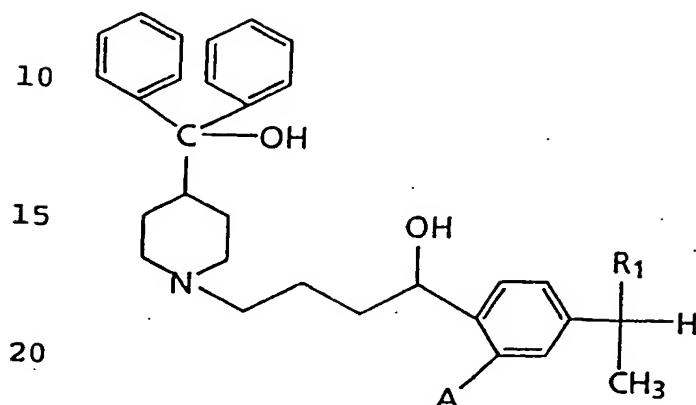


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 5 1. A compound of the formula



wherein R_1 is $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $-\text{COOH}$ or $-\text{COO}-(\text{C}_{1-6})\text{alkyl}$; and
A is hydrogen or hydroxy;
including the stereoisomers, enantiomers, racemic mixtures
thereof or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is H.

3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is OH.

4. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is $-\text{CH}_3$.

5. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$.

6. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is $-\text{COOH}$.

7. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is $-\text{COO}-(\text{C}_{1-6})\text{alkyl}$.

8. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is $-\text{COO}-(\text{C}_{1-3})\text{alkyl}$.

9. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is 4-[4-[4-[hydroxydiphenylmethyl]-1-piperidinyl]-1-hydroxybutyl]- α -methylphenyl acetic acid.

5 10. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is ethyl 4-[4-[4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-1-hydroxybutyl]- α -methylphenyl acetate.

10 11. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is 4-[4-[4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-1-hydroxybutyl]-2-methylphenethyl alcohol.

15 12. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is 4-[4-[4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-1-(4-isopropylphenyl) butanol.

20 13. A composition comprising an assayable amount of a compound of claim 1 in admixture or otherwise in association with one or more inert carriers.

25 14. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective antiallergic amount of compound of claim 1 in admixture or otherwise in association with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or excipients.

30 15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective antihistaminic amount of compound of claim 1 in admixture or otherwise in association with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or excipients.

35 16. A method for treating allergic reactions in a patient in need thereof which comprises administering to said patient an effective antiallergic compound of claim 1.

17. A method for treating allergic reactions in a patient in need thereof which comprises administering to said patient an effective antihistaminic compound of claim 1.